

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sheet processing apparatus includes a sheet conveyor for conveying sheets; a first loader for loading a sheet bundle including a plurality of sheets conveyed by the sheet conveyor; a lateral aligner for aligning opposite side edges of the sheet bundle loaded on the first loader in a direction perpendicular to a sheet conveying direction; a stapler for performing a stapling treatment with respect to a sheet bundle aligned by the lateral aligner; a sheet bundle conveyor for conveying a sheet bundle stapled by the stapler; a second loader for loading sheet bundles conveyed by the sheet bundle conveyor; and loading position controller for loading sheet bundles to be loaded onto the second loader so that the loading positions thereof are displaced from each other along the sheet conveying direction.